

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

[0033] Figures- 2 (A) and 2 (B) ~~is-are~~ ~~a-~~ comparative microscopic pictures of the BMP induced heterotopic bone formation in rat subcutaneously using two materials as the carrier of BMP as the result of active bone formation when a metal rod alone was implanted.